Program V00

DOT - Public Transportation

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

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	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2003-05 Expenditure Authority	25.9		49,794	49,794
Total Maintenance Level	26.9		46,646	46,646
Difference	1.0		(3,148)	(3,148)
Percent Change from Current Biennium	3.9%		(6.3)%	(6.3)%
Performance Changes				
Expanded Grant Program			2,500	2,500
Middle Management Reduction	(.6)		(66)	(66)
General Inflation			(6)	(6)
Subtotal	(0.6)		2,428	2,428
Total Proposed Budget	26.3		49,074	49,074
Difference	.4		(720)	(720)
Percent Change from Current Biennium	1.5%		(1.4)%	(1.4)%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation Program	.5		382	382
Modal Coordination Project	6.3		1,131	1,131
Public Transportation	6.0		20,720	20,720
Public Transportation Management and Support	4.2		797	797
Public Transportation Safety and Security			50	50
Rural Mobility Grant Program	2.0		13,927	13,927
Statewide Commute Trip Reduction Program	7.9		7,151	7,151
Transportation Demand Management Core Program			4,860	4,860
Compensation Cost Adjustment			122	122
Middle Management Reduction	(.6)		(66)	(66)
Total Proposed Budget	26.3		49,074	49,074

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Expanded Grant Program

Funding is increased by \$2,500,000 for public transportation grant programs, including rural mobility, paratransit/special needs transportation, and vanpools beginning July 1, 2006. (Multimodal Transportation Account-State)

Middle Management Reduction

The Governor has directed that middle management be reduced by 1,000 positions by the end of the biennium. This item is this agency's share of the statewide amount.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation Program

The activity provides staff support for the Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation (ACCT), which is responsible for providing overall state guidance, standards, and reporting requirements for the coordination of special-needs transportation. ACCT also provides technical assistance to local agencies for planning, demonstrations, and project implementation. The federal Job Access and Reverse Commute program is monitored through this program. Legislative authorities or requirements: RCW 47.06B.

Modal Coordination Project

This activity provides technical assistance, coordination, trip reduction strategies, and educational materials to the public, WSDOT regional offices, local and regional governments, and public transportation providers. These efforts support ridesharing, Transportation System Management, Transportation Demand Management, and other related statewide programs. Legislative authorities or requirements: RCW 47.01.071, RCW 47.04.170, RCW 47.06.110, RCW 47.80.01, RCW 70.94.537, RCW 70.94.547.

Public Transportation

Public Transportation administers state and federal grants to public and private transportation agencies that serve rural communities, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Staff is responsible for planning, reporting, and providing technical assistance to public and private transit providers. Legislative authorities or requirements: RCW 35.58.2796, RCW 47.10.071, RCW 47.04.081, RCW 47.04.170, and RCW 47.06.110.

Public Transportation Management and Support

This activity provides the overall administration and policy development for the Public Transportation and Rail programs.

Public Transportation Safety and Security

The activity is responsible for the statewide oversight of safety and security functions of local light rail systems. Duties include reviewing safety and security plans, system audits, investigations of serious accidents or unacceptable hazardous conditions, and submitting required reports to the Federal Transit Authority (FTA). Legislative authorities and requirements: RCW 81.104.115.

Rural Mobility Grant Program

This activity administers state grants to public and private transportation agencies that serve rural communities. A portion of the funding is provided for financial equity to rural and small city transit agencies.

Statewide Commute Trip Reduction Program

The activity is responsible for administering the statewide Commute Trip Reduction Program. This includes the distribution of funds to local jurisdictions for efforts to reduce single-occupant vehicle use and vehicle miles traveled. Legislative authorities and requirements: RCW 70.94.

Transportation Demand Management Core Program

This activity administers state and federal grants and provides technical assistance to major employers, local jurisdictions, and public transportation agencies. Activities include trip reduction, ridesharing, and vanpooling. Legislative authorities: RCW 47.04.170, RCW 47.80.01.

Compensation Cost Adjustment

This item reflects proposed compensation and benefit cost adjustments that were not allocated to individual agency activities. The agency will assign these costs to the proper activities after the budget is enacted.

Middle Management Reduction

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